

## REMARKS

This is a full and timely response to the outstanding non-final Office Action mailed May 3, 2007. Reconsideration and allowance of the application and pending claims are respectfully requested.

### **I. Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)**

Claims 1-27 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by *Syeda-Mahmood* ("Syeda-Mahmood," U.S. Pat. No. 6,578,040).

As indicated above, Applicant has amended each remaining independent claim through this response. In view of those amendments, Applicant respectfully submits that the rejections are moot as having been drawn against Applicant's claims in another form. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the rejections be withdrawn.

With particular regard to claim 1, Syeda-Mahmood at least does not teach "identifying a multi-mode image file that comprises both low-resolution images and at least one high-resolution image" and "searching the multi-mode image file for a match with the key image using an image comparison technology".

Regarding claim 11, Syeda-Mahmood at least does not teach "means for identifying multi-mode image files . . . comprising both low-resolution images and at least one high-resolution image" and "means for automatically comparing the key image to high-resolution images of the multi-mode image files to search for a multi-mode image file that comprises image content contained in the key image".

Finally, regarding claim 20, Syeda-Mahmood at least does not teach "logic configured to identify multi-mode image files to be searched, the multi-mode image files

comprising both low-resolution images and at least one high-resolution image” and “logic configured to search the multi-mode image files to identify at least one file that contains image content contained within the key image”.

## **II. Canceled Claims**

Claims 5, 12, 15-19, 24, 25, and 27 have been canceled from the application without prejudice, waiver, or disclaimer. Applicant reserves the right to present these canceled claims, or variants thereof, in continuing applications to be filed subsequently.

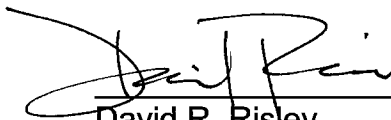
## **III. New Claims**

Claim 28 has been added into the application through this Response. Applicant respectfully submits that claim 28 describes an invention novel and unobvious in view of the prior art of record and, therefore, respectfully requests that claim 28 be held to be allowable.

### CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that Applicant's pending claims are in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present application and all pending claims are hereby courteously requested. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephonic conference would expedite the examination of this matter, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (770) 933-9500.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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